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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ID AL-FITR MESSAGES

REF: (A) STATE 235194, (B) STATE 235283, (C) BEIRUT 7625

1. NOW THAT SARKIS HAS OFFICIALLY ASSUMED OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF LEBANON, ALL MINISTERYAN INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER KARAME, WILL AUTOMATICALLY SUBMIT THEIR RESIGNATIONS, BUT WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL SARKIS ACCEPTS THEM AND APPOINTS REPLACEMENT. THUS KARAME WILL IN EFFECT BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER UNLESS AND UNTIL HE IS REAPPOINTED. IT IS WIDELY EXPECTED THAT SARKIS WILL NOT ACT ON THESE RESIGNATIONS FOR AT LEAST A FEW DAYS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, SHOULD PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE (REF A) BE TRANSMITTED TO KARAME?

2. ASSUME THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE (REF B) IS TO BE TRANSMITTED TO KARAME UNLESS A SUCCESSOR IS NAMED IN NEXT 24 HOURS.

3. SINCE ID AL-FITR IS LIKELY TO BEGIN FRIDAY, SEPT 24, REQUEST REPLY BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM.
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